Mr. U. Kandar Menon.— (a) 1921 .. 207,389·42 acres
1931 .. 207,686·47 ,,

(b) 33·6 millions of parahs of paddy approximately in a normal year.

(c) About 21 millions parahs in a normal year.

(d) Steps are taken for exclusion of forest areas and their assignment with a view to increase the area of cultivation. Attempts are also being made by the Agricultural Department for the intensive cultivation of the cultivable area by improved methods and better manure. Agricultural loans are also being granted liberally for improving the lands.

(e) Generally satisfactory.

Blood Examination in the General Hospital.

389. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the date when they will commence blood examination in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, by the Wasserman or Khan Method and by Microscope of Dark-ground-illumination.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The laboratory is being organized and it is expected that the work will be started in a few weeks.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know when the allotment was made for this arrangement?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was made early in the year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why during this long period of eight months it was not possible for the Government to start it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not a question of a day or two. The things have to be shipped from England, they have to come here, they have to be unpacked and the laboratory has to be fitted up. This will not be finished in a month or two.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it only a day or two or a month or two?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In Chingam the indent was sent, we received the articles in Makaram and we are fitting up the laboratory.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Have you any gentleman to deal with this subject when the laboratory is fitted up?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Are there persons who have undergone special training?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are two persons.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—From where did they specialise?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—One from the Calcutta Institute of Medicine and the other from the Kings Institute of Medicine at Madras.

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